

# **Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**

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# **Chapter 1. Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Worksheet**

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## Short-Term Right-of-Way for a Construction Area and Installation of Underground Power Lines for RRCNCA Fire Station and Campgrounds

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OFFICE: Red Rock/Sloan Canyon NCA Field Office, NVS0200

TRACKING NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2014-0004-DNA

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: N-82425, N-82425-01, N-82425-02

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE:

DNA for a:

Short-Term Right-of-Way for a Construction Area and Installation of Underground Power Lines for the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (RRCNCA) Fire Station and Campgrounds.

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Public Lands in Las Vegas, Nevada, and in the Red Rock Canyon Conservation Area, Nevada.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada,

T. 21 S., R. 59 E., sec. 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 16, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

APPLICANT (if any): Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

### A. Description of Proposed Action and any application mitigation measures

This is a renewal/extension of temporary construction area N-82425-01, which is needed for the installation of electrical facilities on public lands. It is also an amendment to N-82425 to include the BLM and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CORPS) in installation of the project for the first 2 years of installation. The BLM and CORPS will aid NV Energy in installation of approximately two and one quarter (2 1/4 miles) of 15kV underground power distribution lines consisting of cable, conduits, transformers and related appurtenances in order to supply power to the Red Rock Fire Station and Red Rock Canyon Campground.

### B. Land Use Plan Conformance

LUP	<u>Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (RRCNCA)</u>	Date	<u>May, 2005</u>
Name*	<u>Resource Management Plan (RMP)</u>	Approved:	

*\*List Applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto)*

LUP	<u>Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final</u>	Date	<u>October 5, 1998</u>
Name*	<u>Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)</u>	Approved:	

*\*List Applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto)*

**The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:**

The action meets ROW Management. Objective: RW-1: “Meet public demand and reduce impacts to sensitive resources by providing an orderly system of development for transportation, including legal access to private inholdings, communications, flood control, major utility transmission lines, and related facilities.”

The action meets Management Direction. RW-1–h: “All public land within the planning area, except as stated in RW-1–c through RW-1–g, are available at the discretion of the agency for ROWs under the authority of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA).”

The action is in conformance with the RMP for the RRCNCA meeting the plan’s objectives of protecting natural resources and improving visitor services.

The action is according to FLPMA, Public Law 94–579 Sec. 507: “The Secretary concerned may provide under applicable provisions of this title for the use of any department or agency of the United States a right-of-way over, upon, under or through the land administered by him, subject to such terms and conditions as he may impose.”

## **C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action**

This is a DNA according to NEPA regulations H-1790-1, 5.1.

This project for installation of NV Energy lines under casefile N-82425, was originally analyzed under EA number NV-050-2005-451, Decision and Fonsi signed and approved November 1, 2005. Biological Opinion 1-5-04-F-526.APD3, signed October 25, 2005.

This area was also analyzed under the following NEPA documents:

The resource land area was analyzed in 2002 under NV-050-2002-84-EA, signed May 30, 2002 with Biological Opinion 1-5-97-F-251.

To renew the construction project area for N-82425-01, it was analyzed under DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2009-0041-DNA, signed December 17, 2008, with Biological Opinion 1-5-04-F-526.APD6.

To renew the construction project area for N-82425-01, it was analyzed under DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2010-0019-DNA, signed December 15, 2009, with Biological Opinion 1-5-04-F-526.APD6.

## **D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

**1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?**

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*C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action*



The proposed action is exactly the same and is in the same location as was previously analyzed under the above EA's and DNA. This is a renewal to extend the expiration date of ROW grant N-82425-01 for the temporary work areas required for the installation of a power distribution line to the RRCNCA Fire Station and Campgrounds. The plan of development remains the same and has not been altered in design. The geographic location and the resource conditions are the same.

**2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, give current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

The proposed action has already been analyzed under EA number: NV-050-2005-451 and again in several analyzations thereafter. There are no new environmental concerns, interests or resource values that were not addressed in the previous EAs and DNA.. The range of alternatives analyzed in the existing EA(s) are sufficient and remain the same since the activity is the same. No re-evaluation of the alternatives or environmental impacts is necessary.

**3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessments, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?**

The proposed action will not change - it just needs to be renewed and extended. No new information or circumstances will be affected by the proposed action. A new review and evaluation is not necessary.

**4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?**

The proposed action will not change, therefore, the review will remain the same. There are no new direct, indirect, or cumulative effects that would occur other than those that were already analyzed.

**5. Are there public involvement and interagency reviews associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?**

Public meetings and other agency, and interagency reviews and involvement occurred in 2005 with the EA assessment. Since the action and activity will not change, the existing NEPA documentation is adequate for the proposed action.

## **E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted**

**Note**

Refer to EA number NV-050-2005-451, NEPA 2009-041-DNA, DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2012-0009-EA, NV-050-2002-84-EA, and DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2010-0019-DNA for a complete list of the team members and public who participated in the preparation of the environmental analysis or planning documents. The EA was reviewed and analyzed by the BLM Las Vegas Field Office and the RRCNCA Resource Specialists shown below. This DNA and the proposed action was reviewed by specialists listed on the Affected Resource Form (ARF) found in the computer under DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2014-0004-DNA.

Name	Title	Resource/Agency Represented
Mark Boatwright	BLM Cultural Resources, Archaeologist	Red Rock/Sloan Field Office
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## Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitute BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

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Project Lead: Dorothy Jean Dickey, Realty Specialist

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Signature of NEPA Coordinator

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Mark R. Spencer  
Field Manager  
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Date

**Note:**

The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.